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37 CFR § 1.97(b)

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37 CFR § 1.97(d)

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Applicant hereby requests consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement, USPTO form 1449, submitted herewith.

Legible copies of the references are enclosed.

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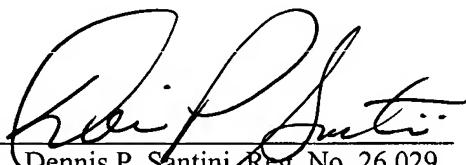
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